



Docket No.: 072280-0013

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Munekatsu SHIMADA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 9266
Application No.: 10/572,855 : Group Art Unit: 2834
Filed: March 22, 2006 : Examiner: Kim, John K
For: ROTOR USING ELECTRICAL STEEL SHEET WITH LOW IRON LOSS, ROTOR
MANUFACTURING METHOD, LASER PEENING METHOD, AND LASER PEENING
APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Noting the Office Action of March 13, 2008 wherein restriction has been required, Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-5) with traverse for prosecution in the above-identified application.

The Restriction Requirement is improper because this application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371. To properly restrict a 371 application, the Examiner must apply the Unity of Invention standard. Because the Examiner did not use the Unity of Invention standard in Restriction Requirement the restriction is improper. In view of the improper Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully request that all the claims (1-35) should be examined on the merits.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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